

Remarks

A. Claims in the Case

Claims 1-4, 6, 9-17, 19, 22-30, 32, 35-39, and 41-43 are pending. Claims 1, 14, 27, and 38 have been amended.

B. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 38 because a space was missing between “claim” and “27”. Applicant has amended claim 38 to include the missing space.

C. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 14, and 27 as being incomplete for omitting essential steps. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s rejections. Nonetheless, to expedite prosecution of the case, Applicant has amended claims 1, 14, and 27 for clarification.

Regarding this rejection, the Examiner states in part:

the step should include “from the first memory if the scheduled date of the smart trigger is not equal or is not before the current date, but executing ... if the scheduled date is not the smart trigger and is not after the current date, wherein...”

With respect to the above statement, Applicant is unclear as to the change the Examiner proposes. Claim 1, as amended, recites in part:

executing the FSO related processing task associated with the smart trigger to process the data contained in the data set records associated with one or more of the data set identifiers associated with the smart trigger in response to reading the smart trigger from the first memory if the scheduled date of the smart trigger is equal to or before the current date,

but not executing the FSO related processing task in response to reading the smart trigger from the first memory if the scheduled date of the smart trigger is after the current date (emphasis added)

Claim 1 is directed to a method in which a task is executed if the scheduled date of the associated

smart trigger is equal to or before the current date, but a task is not executed if the scheduled date is after the current date. Thus, assuming a current date of April 15 when the method is performed, the task would be executed if the scheduled date is April 14 or April 15, but would not be executed if the scheduled date is April 16. Support for claim 1 may be found in Applicant's specification on page 6, lines 24-25 and page 20, lines 12-17. Applicant submits that claim 1, as amended, is not indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

D. Additional Comments

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2006. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required, please appropriately charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5053-31001/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,



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